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**APRIL BROWN BAG HISTORY EVENT DISCUSSES SIMON GIRTY AS AN AMBIGUOUS VILLAIN**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 22, 2004) – On Wednesday, April 7, at noon, the Kentucky Historical Society's monthly Brown Bag program will feature the topic of "Simon Girty: Ambiguous Villain," with Richard Taylor as guest speaker. Taylor will explore the possibility that Girty may have been the victim of distortion, misrepresentation and cultural bias. Admission is free and participants may bring their lunch; drinks provided.

Dr. Taylor teaches English at Kentucky State University and has served as Kentucky's poet laureate from 1999-2001. Taylor, who authored "Girty" is also owner of Poor Richard's Books in Frankfort.

For more information on this program, you may call (502) 564-1792 or visit the Web at [http://history.ky.gov/Programs/Brown\\_Bag\\_History.htm](http://history.ky.gov/Programs/Brown_Bag_History.htm).

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The Kentucky Historical Society, since 1836, has provided *connections to the past, perspective on the present and inspiration for the future*. KHS operates the Old State Capitol, Kentucky Military History Museum and its five-year-old headquarters, the Kentucky History Center. Since 1999, the \$30 million History Center has welcomed almost **one million visitors**. For more information about the Kentucky Historical Society and its programs, visit the Web at <http://history.ky.gov> or call (502) 564-1792.